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Fuhr will loan you money on your farm at 8 per cent and have your money for you as soon as abstract of title is in hand. You will not have to wait.

Some very desirable residences in the city, cheaper than you can buy the lots and build. If you prefer the lots I have them.

FRANK FUHR,
Office in First National Bank Building,
MEADE, KANSAS

Notes From Topeka

This week in Topeka has been one of the busy weeks of the Capital. Tuesday merchants from all over the state began to gather at Topeka and for two or three days all kinds of amusements were put on for their entertainment. Day by day the bulletin board in front of the Journal office was well patronized everyone anxious to get the latest news from the Chicago conventions. Saturday although it was raining a steady down-pour crowds were there watching for the latest news, and when the news of the nominations of Roosevelt and Hughes were announced, the faces of the crowds were truly living pictures, some more a pleasant satisfied look, others with seemingly I don't care a —, others you could discern weren't altogether satisfied.

Geo. B. Allen was registered at one of the leading hotels several days during the week.

We were at the Department Commanders office where we found the Commander always busy at his desk or entertaining visitors. When Kansans visit Topeka one of the places that is of great interest is Memorial Hall. The new Commander is always ready to show visitors every courtesy at his command, and his old comrades gather at his office in great numbers. He delivers the address on flag day at Iola the 14th. His speaking dates are not only numerous but extend over most of the state.

Capt. D. L. Sweeney the A. A. G. takes to his job like a duck to water, hence the department is putting out lots of work.

W. E. Davis and George W. Wiley are other, Meade county contingents here at Topeka that have a just share of popularity.

Of course all Kansas rejoices that the great southwest at last got a good soaking rain and by the way no county in Kansas is praised by those who are so fortunate as to have had the good fortune to have visited it of late years more than good old Meade county and the people of Meade need have no fear that the G. A. R. Dept. Commander ever neglects an opportunity to advertise its advantages one would think he was in the real estate business instead of being the head of the Grand Army of Kansas.

On Wednesday of this week Associate Justice Silas Porter of the Supreme Court read a paper on the life of ex-Associate Justice Benson who died several months ago in the Supreme Court. It was a scholarly eulogy on a worthy man and was heard by many members of the Kansas bar and friends of Judge Benson.

Change In Trains

A slight change has been made in the time of Rock Island trains No. 3 and No. 4. The new schedule is:
No. 3 9:59 p. m. No. 4 7:31 a. m.

To Auto Owners

During the past year a very large number of automobiles have been stolen. Organized gangs make a specialty of stealing cars in this and surrounding states. It is almost unbelievable the number of cars stolen and never recovered. Something must be done to stop this crime. Heretofore no index of the engine numbers has been kept by this department, as the law does not require it. For this reason it was impossible to find the engine number unless either the name of the owner of the car or the license number were known. The office is now keeping a card index to all cars registered by their engine numbers, and taking other steps to prevent the theft of machines and to assist the officers of the law in its enforcement.

You can greatly assist this department by seeing that we have your correct engine number and description of your car, and by notifying this office promptly should your car be sold or stolen; also by promptly notifying us of any information or suspicious you may have concerning the theft of any car or of any car thief. Any information of this kind will be treated as strictly confidential.

The automobile registration law has now been in operation four years. Time and opportunity have been given to discover its weak points, and to suggest needed changes in its provisions. The law has met with general favor from owners of machines, although a few have objected to any law whatever governing the operation and registration of automobiles. The number of cars is increasing so rapidly, not only in Kansas but all over the country, that in my judgment it is not likely that any state, and especially Kansas, will ever abandon registration.

If, as I believe, we are to continue to have an automobile registration law, we ought to have the very best that experience can suggest and that wisdom can devise. Our present law has worked pretty well, but experience has proven that it has a few weak places that ought to be strengthened. I expect to recommend to the next legislature some amendments to this law, and am asking you, as an automobile owner and therefore an interested party, for any suggestions you may have to offer relative to needed changes in the law.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, almost 90,000 automobiles were registered. This number will probably be increased to more than 100,000 during the present fiscal year. The money thus derived, if properly expended, will be of vast benefit to the highways of the state, and I hope to have your hearty cooperation in an effort to see that these funds are properly and judiciously expended on the roads as the law intends.

Yours very respectfully,
J. T. Botkin,
Secretary of State.

Ordinance No. 124.

First Published June 15, 1916.

An ordinance defining vagrancy and prescribing penalties therefor.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Meade, Kansas.

SECTION I. That any person who shall, within the corporate limits of the City of Meade, Kansas, be guilty of open, gross lewdness, or of lascivious behavior, or do any open act of public indecency, or practice prostitution, fornication or concubinage, or who will procure or solicit any person to practice prostitution, fornication or concubinage, or who shall associate with any prostitute, or any able bodied man found begging or soliciting alms, or any able bodied man being the head of a family who shall refuse or neglect to provide for the support and maintenance of his family, or any person found loitering without visible means of support, or any person who shall engage or participate in any game of chance with cards, dice or other contrivance or contraption, on a wager or chance for money or other thing of value, or any person engaged in any unlawful business, occupation, vocation, practice or calling, shall be deemed guilty of vagrancy, and upon conviction be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, and stand committed to the city jail, or to the jail of Meade County, until said fine and costs are paid.

SECTION II. That when any person is committed under Section I of this ordinance, the City Marshal, or the Street Commissioner, is authorized to properly shackle and work said prisoner, who shall be allowed, and have credited upon his fine and costs, and cost of keep, the sum of twenty cents an hour for each hour's labor so performed.

SECTION III. In all prosecutions under this ordinance, there shall be taxed as Police Court fees, the fees provided by law for Justices of the Peace in similar cases; as City Marshal fees, the same fees provided by law for Sheriff's in similar cases; a City Attorney's fee of \$5.00, and in the event said defendant should appeal the case to the District Court, a fee of \$25.00. Provided, that the City shall in no case be liable for the fees of Marshall or City Attorney.

SECTION IV. All ordinances and parts or ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION V. This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its publication in The Meade County News.

Attest. S. D. ADAMS,
Mayor.
E. E. INNIS, City Clerk.

I. O. O. F. Memorial

Last Sunday was Memorial Sunday for the I. O. O. F. At 11:00 a. m. at the Baptist church Rev. C. J. Spiers preached an inspiring sermon on the teachings and benefits of this great order. At 2:30 p. m. at the Odd Fellows Hall Rev. Mr. Jones, of Fowler, and Rev. Doctor Lytle, of Meade, each made a short address, immediately after which both Odd Fellows and Rebekahs went to Graceland Cemetery, where the graves of departed members were strewn with flowers.

A large representation from each order was present at both morning and afternoon services.

To Teachers

The results of the Normal Training Examination will not be mailed before July 1st.

A teacher's examination will be held at the Court House June 23rd and 24th.

I desire to make this announcement so that any who may think it advisable can take the county examination.

Pearl Wood Smith,
Co. Supt.

Damage By Hail

Destructive hail storms have paid an unwelcome visit to this county within the past week. Saturday night, June 10, the north-west section of the county was visited, and the following damage has been reported:

Owner	acres	insurance
D. C. Hickey	300	\$2,400
John Teeter	250	800
H. Kerchner	300	2,100
Elmer Welliver	150	800
Moore Bros.	200	1,000
Morton Griggs	104	832
Pete Kinsinger	500	4,000
Mr. Draper	900	None
Perkins & Sons	1500	None
Schnellbacher	400	None
W. N. Woelk	50	600
Doc Dossett	200	None
Leslie Gumm	300	None
Taylor Boyd	360	None

North-east of Meade damage from the same cause was reported as follows:

W. Thacker	340	1,700
Logan Thacker	230	1,040
C. B. Watson	200	None
Grimm	300	None

Monday night, June 12th the wheat raisers of the south part of the county sustained losses as follows:

Fred Ford	200	1,000
Harry Ford	400	4,000
Ace Ford	500	None
G. P. Gambol	160	1,000
A. J. & H. Paden	80	640
Jim Lowrey	320	125
V. E. Keltner	200	1,000
Mort Wilson	110	450
H. Wuerdeman	160	None
John Heinson	50	None

Tuesday night, June 13, the farmers south of Plains suffered severe losses. We have not been able to learn the extent of the damage, but so far those living in that section reporting losses are: T. B. Novinger, Jim Adams, J. P. Ballard, Tobe Evans, Arthur Parker, George Spain, Harry Troutman, J. E. Kuntz, Guy McVey, and Frank Armentrout.

The losses reported above are only to wheat. A large acreage of barley, spring crops, and gardens also suffered.

Married

Mr. G. A. Specht and Miss Loda Haskins, both of Meade, were united in marriage last Sunday by Rev. C. J. Spiers, pastor of the Baptist church, at the home of the groom's parents Mr. and Mrs. Peter Specht, south of this city. Both young people are well and favorably known in Meade.

Mr. Joseph C. Lee and Miss Elma Grinstaff, both of Plains, were married Wednesday by Judge Marrs at his office.

The News extends congratulations to these newly married people.

Children's Day Program

A Children's Day Program and basket dinner will be given next Sunday, June 18th, by the Union Sunday School at the Spring Creek Valley School House, 15 miles southeast of Meade (near old Fancher Place). The program will be given at 11 A. M. After basket dinner, members of the Meade Gospel Team will conduct service. Everybody is invited to bring baskets and enjoy the fellowship of the day with them.

E. P. Desmarais and wife, who resided in Meade during the winter, have moved to their ranch, south of the city, for the summer.

Hail! Hail! Hail!

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Flag Day

Flag Day was observed in our city this year as it has never been before. At 2:30 at the opera house, patriotic citizens participated in the celebration of flag day. A short program was rendered, including a very interesting address by Rev. W. H. Lytle, pastor of the Presbyterian church, on the flag and the principles for which it stands. The streets and buildings were gay with flags. The business houses closed during the exercises at the opera house.

The exercises were conducted by the members of the G. A. R.

In another place in this paper appears the announcement of R. W. Campbell for re-nomination for the office of county treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the August primary. Mr. Campbell is serving his first term; in this office, has made a painstaking, conscientious official, and entitled to the loyal support of his party. Bob Campbell is an old timer in Meade county, in fact, he has helped make it what it is today. He is well known to both old and new settlers who will be glad to know that he is again a candidate.

New Presbyterian Minister

Rev. Doctor Lytle who has been connected with the Presbyterian church at Lawrence, Kansas for a number of years has decided to locate in Meade and become pastor of the Presbyterian church at this place. Dr. Lytle preached at the church Sabbath morning and evening and is highly satisfactory to everyone who heard him; he is a minister of wide experience, a graduate of U. P. Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pa., and a post-graduate of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and in addition to this spent a year in the Holy Land and Egypt and has lectured extensively on these last two subjects. The News acknowledges a call from the Doctor and is pleased with his scholarly address and appearance and cordially welcomes him to our city.

Sweet To Lansing

Archie Sweet passed through Dodge City on Santa Fee train No. 6 this morning on his way to the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing to begin his life sentence for the murder of Nellie Byers. Sweet was sentenced by Judge Downer on Saturday afternoon. His attorney, Ernest D. Martin of Kansas City, first planned to prepare a n elaborate appeal in support of his motion for a new trial. He changed his mind, however, and presented his motion to Judge Downer late in the afternoon. It was overruled and immediately afterward Sweet was called in and sentenced.

Sheriff John McCarter did not announce when he would take Sweet away and it was not known in Syracuse that Sweet was gone until this morning when it was found that Sweet had been removed during the night and put on board No. 6. Sweet gave out a letter to the public in which he declared his innocence. Earl Ross, clerk of the court at Syracuse, said over the telephone today that a subscription was being taken by some people to pay the expense of an appeal to the supreme court for Sweet. The socialist party, which was openly intimated during the trial was financing his defense, is expected to contribute to the appeal fund. Guy Clayton, court reporter, and Judge Downer passed through Dodge City yesterday enroute to Liberal to open court, and Mr. Clayton said he had been asked the cost of transcribing the evidence and that it was represented to him that the appeal would be prepared at once. That there was insufficient evidence to convict probably will be the ground on which the appeal is taken.—Dodge City Globe, June 6.

Wednesday evening a number of relatives and friends of Mrs. Robt. Brannan gathered at her home and celebrated her birthday anniversary. Refreshments were served and after wishing her many more happy birthdays, the guests returned to their various homes.

Farm Machinery

We have just unloaded a car of new Farm Machinery. Same is now on display at our ware room near depot. Also have on hand good stock of binding twine.

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